

Frederick County Ethics Commission
Minutes for the Public Meeting of Monday, January 10, 2011

Present: Andrew T. Jones, Chairman
Karl W. Bickel, Commission Member
Paula C. Bell, Commission Member
E. Donald Foster, Alternate Commission Member
Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney

The Frederick County Ethics Commission met at 7:00 p.m. on January 10, 2011, at the Office of the County Attorney on the 2nd floor of Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701.

Approval of the minutes – The Commission considered the minutes from its December 20, 2010 public meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Bickel made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Bell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Request for reconsideration of an Advisory Opinion – The Ethics Commission discussed the request for reconsideration of Advisory Opinion 10-02 that it previously considered at an administrative function meeting on December 20, 2010. The members provided comments on the draft Addendum circulated to the members prior to the meeting and expressed their opinions on the issues raised by the request.

MOTION: Mr. Foster moved to approve the Addendum as drafted. Ms. Bell seconded the motion. Mr. Jones and Ms. Bell voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Bickel voted against the motion.

Update on State Ethics Commission's proposed regulations and local ordinance models – The Senior Assistant County Attorney updated the Ethics Commission on the status of the regulations submitted by the State Ethics Commission and provided a description of the timeline for amending the County's Ethics Ordinance. The proposed State regulations will be published in the Maryland Register later in January 2011. The closing date for comments is the end of February 2011. Once the regulations take effect, the County will need to amend its Ethics Ordinance to enable the Ethics Commission to certify that the County is in compliance with State law.

Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Bickel moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bell seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The Ethics Commission adjourned its meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Linda B. Thall, Senior Assistant County Attorney